

Presented By:
Port Director
Action Taken:
Yes____
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Abstain____

CITY OF NOME, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. R-23-04-03

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NOME TO APPLY FOR AND PARTICIPATE IN
THE USDOT PIDP DISCRETIONARY GRANT PROGRAM FOR FUNDING THE PORT OF NOME
ARCTIC DEEP DRAFT PORT – EXPANDED MARINE UTILITIES CONSTRUCTION**

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) administers the Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) Grant Program, which supports investments in the planning, design and/or construction of surface transportation that improve port resilience or environmental mitigation measures, supporting economic viability at the regional levels, addressing climate change, environmental justice impacts, equity and leveraging federal funds to attract non-federal sources of infrastructure investment, with at least \$165.5M to be awarded to work eligible under the “*Small Projects at Small Ports*” program with a focus on projects which seek to directly impact the economic advantage of the port, contributions to freight transportation in/around/through the port, overcoming the competitive disadvantages of the port; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Nome owns the Port & Harbor, which serves as the regional maritime hub facility for over fifty (50) western Alaska communities, transshipping fuel, cargo, gravel and construction equipment in volumes that have increased over time, and as the Port of Nome’s role as the only publicly-owned coastal maritime infrastructure north of the Aleutians for the refueling and resupply of Arctic vessels, has driven the need to expand existing maritime infrastructure to meet growing demand, including marine utilities; and,

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), is finalizing design of the Arctic Deep Draft Port (ADDP) Port of Nome Modifications Project that will build the nation’s first deep draft port in the U.S. Arctic, with construction scheduled to commence in 2024 and reach completion in 2027, accommodating many vessels that must presently anchor offshore and lighter passengers and goods to shore, and bringing a substantial increase in the number of vessels that will begin using the Port of Nome, which will significantly elevate the need to extend the marine utilities from the existing causeway to the expanded structure protecting the new deep-water basin; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Nome is nearing 100% design to construct these marine utilities that are to be built as a separate and follow-on project to the federally funded work to expand and deepen the Port of Nome, as they are considered Local Service Facilities (LSF) by the USACE, and therefore are the sole financial responsibility of the City of Nome to meet critical demand for utilities with this PIDP application; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Nome must provide all matching funds exceeding the PIDP cap of \$11.25M for “*Small Projects at Small Ports*”, to construct the Port’s Expanded Marine Utilities Project, currently estimated at \$25M, with the City’s match portion of \$13.75M funded through existing Designated Legislative Grants as provided through the State of Alaska in FY2022; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Nome Common Council supports application to the USDOT PIDP Grant Program, subject to selection by USDOT, and authorizes the City Manager to enter into an agreement with USDOT for a PIDP Discretionary Grant.

APPROVED and SIGNED this 10th day of April 2023.

JOHN K. HANDELAND, Mayor

ATTEST:

BRYANT HAMMOND, Clerk